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In re Application of  
Parchak, Menachemi, and Laster  
Application No.: 09/804,930  
Filed: March 13, 2001  
Attorney Docket No: 100.005US01  
For: IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY FOR MULTIPLE  
PHYSICAL LAYER DEVICES AT A UTOPIA INTERFACE

DECISION ACCORDING  
STATUS UNDER  
RULE 47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on March 13, 2001, and received by the Office of Petitions on November 15, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

The instant petition was filed with the above-cited application on March 3, 2001. In said petition, petitioner established that a copy of the above-cited patent application was mailed to inventor Menachemi at his last known address requesting that he execute the declaration, but no response was received. Inventor Menachemi's failure to respond is deemed a constructive refusal to join the prosecution of the application. This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0010.

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LETTER

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Dear Mr. Menachemi:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As the a joint inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Kenya A. McLaughlin at (703) 305-0010. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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